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Q and A

Furor Hits CIA Sources, Colby Says

William Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was interviewed by Washington Star Staff Writer Jeremiah O'Leary.

Q: *Has morale been damaged by the controversies?*

A: Well, I think there's a feeling of high public criticism of a few missteps by the CIA, that if you got similar missteps by the Fish and Wildlife Service, nobody would notice it at all. But if it's the CIA, it's big news. The low point in my mind came the other day when there was a story about the D.C. police reporting its activities during the antiwar movement, during the disturbances here.

The lead paragraph is very clear that that was a story about the police. About half-way down the page it mentioned that the CIA had loaned the police five automobiles. And on the following page it mentioned that the CIA had trained about 10 or 12 people. And the two-column scare headline was "CIA Aid to Police," which was a tiny part of the total story. But that was the headline. The problem about our morale, really is you get some people in CIA who feel that they tried to do their duty, they followed their instructions from the government, they did what was expected at the time, and people now say it was wrong. On the other hand, you have people in CIA who don't want the CIA to do anything wrong, and are quite shaken by the fact that anything improper was done over the past 20 years. So, you have really the two

extremes, both of whom feel somewhat shaken by this exposure and the attacks.

Q: *Have you encountered any cases in which it was necessary to discharge or seek the retirement of any employees for violating the legislative mandate?*

A: No. The ones I think you're thinking of is a group that retired at the end of December. The facts of that case were that Mr. Angleton and I had discussions about various things about his work. I have the highest respect for the contribution he has made to counter-intelligence. I think he is an extremely fine public servant. We did have some differing views about different details of the matter. I determined that it was, I thought, desirable to make some changes, and I offered him another activity but said I thought it was time to put some successive leadership into his responsibility. He had the option of retiring, he took the option. He has agreed to stay around here a few months, he's still here now, helping us on the transition to the new management. The two officers who worked with him — I said I did not think they would succeed him as the chief, and they chose to retire. The fourth officer announced his plan to retire several weeks before the event.